AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph at page 11, paragraph 2, with the following amended paragraph:

-- Nitrocellulose coated with antigen was incubated in a buffer of trishydroxymethylaminomethane (3.25 g/l), sodium chloride (7.51 g/l), ~~Tween~~TWEEN® 20 (polyoxyethylenesorbitan monolaurate) (3.83 ml/l), thimerosal (0.02 g/l), milk powder (40 g/l), pH 7.5, at 37.degree. C. for 30 min, afterwards incubated and dried in a buffer of trishydroxymethylaminomethane (3.25 g/l), sodium chloride (7.51 g/l), ~~Tween~~TWEEN® 20 (polyoxyethylenesorbitan monolaurate) (3.83 ml/l), thimerosal (0.02 g/l), milk powder (5 g/l), pH 7.5, at 37.degree. C. for 30 min. --

Please replace the paragraph at page 11, paragraph 5, with the following amended paragraph:

-- The nitrocellulose strip coated with antigen (=test strip, for instance illustration 1) is incubated in 1.5 ml washing buffer consisting of trishydroxymethylaminomethane (3.25 g/l), sodium chloride (7.51 g/l), TWEEN® 20 (polyoxyethylenesorbitan monolaurate) (3.83 ml/l), thimerosal (0.02 g/l), milk powder (5 g/l), pH 7.5, at room temperature for 5 min on a platform rocker in a well. Afterwards the buffer is decanted. 20 µl sample fluid together with 1.5 ml wash buffer are added to the test strip. The test strip is incubated on the platform rocker for 30 min. After incubation with sample fluid the test strip is washed three times each with 1.5 ml wash buffer and subsequently incubated with anti-human-IgG or anti-human-IgM or anti-human-IgA alkaline phosphatase conjugate. Afterwards it is washed three times each with 1.5 ml wash buffer in each case for 5 min. In a further wash step it is re-washed with distilled water for 1 min and subsequently developed with chromogen/substrate solution (BCIP/NBT). The development is stopped according to the coloring of a cut-off control through decantation of the developing fluid and by washing three times each with 1.5 ml distilled water. --